

White River, Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana



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White River, Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana History

- FY 1992 - Congress included the following language in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act:

“The Committee has provided \$200,000 for the initiation of a comprehensive waterfront plan along the White River in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. The Corps is directed to work with non-Federal interests on this multipurpose project.”

- FY 1993 - Congress included the following language in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act:

“The Committee has provided \$450,000 to continue work on the comprehensive waterfront plan along the White River in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. The Committee has been pleased with the work accomplished thus far and directs the Corps to continue its involvement with non-Federal interests on this project.”



White River, Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana History (Cont'd)

- FY 1994 - Congress included the following language in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act:

“The bill includes \$4,000,000 for the Corps of Engineers to continue the feasibility study and to proceed with detailed design for the elements of the master plan of the Central Waterfront project in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Master Plan was developed by the Corps of Engineers to address multipurpose water resource requirements in the project area. The Committee directs the Corps to conduct this work in close cooperation with the City of Indianapolis.”

- October 1993 - Corps of Engineers completed the Central Waterfront Reconnaissance Report. The report concluded that there was not a Federal interest in providing improvements to the existing flood control system constructed during the 1920's by the City of Indianapolis and the Federal Works Program Administration.



White River, Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana History (Cont'd)

- FY 1995 - Congress included the following language in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act:

“The Committee has provided \$4,000,000 for the Corps of Engineers to proceed with detailed design for the elements of the Master Plan of the Central Waterfront project in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Master Plan was developed by the Corps of Engineers to address multipurpose water resource requirements in the project area. The Corps is directed to conduct this work in close cooperation with the City of Indianapolis.”



White River, Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana History (Cont'd)

- FY 1996 - Congress included the following language in the Water Resources Development Act of 1996:

“The project for flood control, Indianapolis on West Fork of the White River, Indiana, authorized by section 5 of the Act entitled “An Act authorizing the construction of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood control, and other purposes”, approved June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1586), is modified to authorize the Secretary to undertake riverfront alterations as described in the Central Indianapolis Waterfront Concept Master Plan, dated February 1994, at a total cost of \$85,975,000, with an estimated Federal cost of \$39,975,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$46,000,000. The cost of work, including relocations undertaken by the non-Federal interest after February 15, 1994, on features identified in the Master Plan shall be credited toward the non-Federal share of project costs.”



White River, Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana History (Cont'd)

- FY1996 - Congress provided \$2,000,000 in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1996 to support the authorization.
- August 1996 - Corps of Engineers completed the Supplement to the Central Indianapolis Concept Master Plan which described the authorized project scope, provided cost and benefit information, and addressed environmental compliance.
- FY 1997 - Congress provided \$7,000,000 in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1997.
- December 1996 - Corps of Engineers Washington Level Review complete; directed to revise the Supplement to address comments.
- February 1997 - Supplement was revised and resubmitted for Washington level review.



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- May 1997 - Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) approved the Supplement as the technical document to support a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA).
- FY 1998 - Congress provided \$5,000,000 in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1998.
- December 1997 - PCA was executed between the Corps of Engineers, the City of Indianapolis, and the Indiana White River State Park Development Commission.
- February 1998 - Federal construction initiated.
- FY 1999 - The Water Resources Development Act of 1999 authorized the addition of the Beveridge Paper feature to the project
- FY 1999 - Congress provided \$4,000,000 in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1999.



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- December 1998 - An Addendum to the Supplement was completed to add another feature of the Master Plan - the Upper Canal.
- June 1999 - PCA amendment for this additional work was executed.
- FY2000 - Congress provided \$8,000,000 in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2000.
- FY 2001 - Congress provided \$10,000,000 in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2001.
- December 2000 - Addendum #2 to the Supplement was approved to add the Beveridge Paper area to the project.
- February 2001 - The PCA was amended to include the addition of the Beveridge Paper feature.



White River, Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana Non-Federal Sponsors

- City of Indianapolis, Indiana
- Indiana White River State Park Development Commission



White River, Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana Project Costs

- Total Estimated Cost \$113,421,300

Federal Share 52,475,000

Non-Federal Share 60,946,300



White River, Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana Regional Impacts

- Regional Economic Development
 - Direct construction costs (excludes land costs, engineering and design costs, and supervision and administration costs) are \$88.3 million.
 - Total value of construction induced by the project is \$185.7 million.
 - One time calculation of local income is estimated to be \$132.7 million which equates to 5,922 jobs.
- Ongoing regional impacts (spending by tourists)
 - Local sales generated as a result of this project are \$105.1 million annually
 - This translates into local earnings of \$34.4 million annually or 2,363 local jobs



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